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A RESOLUTION

City of Madison
Mayor Wood

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS GOVERNING
THE COMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL
DEVICES THROUGH THE USE OF CAMERAS
OR OTHER IMAGING TECHNOLOGY AS
AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW.

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred *June 3, 2002*

Referred To: *Transportation*

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First Reading

Committee _____
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Action:

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd

Readings

☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ RC Vote

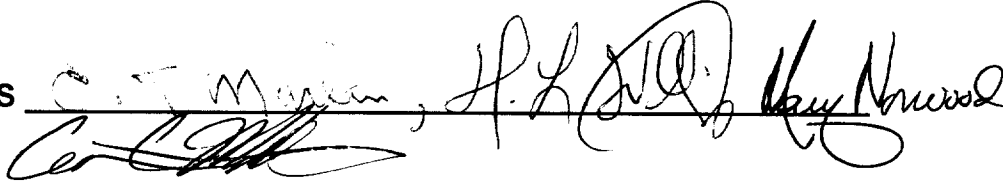
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MAYOR'S ACTION

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A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBERS

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Atlanta to protect its citizens by the regulation of traffic and the enforcement of laws related to traffic and designed to promote the safety of those who use the streets and roadways within the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly, during the 2001 legislative session, enacted House Bill 678 (Act Number 223), codified as O.C.G.A. §40-14-20 *et seq.* and O.C.G.A. §40-6-20 which was effective July 1, 2001 and which provides that observance of the law in regard to traffic-control signals may be enforced by the use of certain monitoring devices; and

WHEREAS, according to the terms of said legislation, such monitoring devices may be used by a municipality only if the chief law enforcement officer of that municipality desires to use such devices and if the governing authority of said municipality approves the use of said monitoring devices; and

WHEREAS, according to the terms of said legislation, prior to entering any contract with any company for the use of such monitoring devices, a public hearing on the proposed use of such devices must be held; and

WHEREAS, the chief law enforcement officer of the City of Atlanta, the Chief of Police, desires the use of such traffic control signal monitoring devices to assist and enhance the enforcement of the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the City of Atlanta approves the use of traffic-control signal monitoring devices for the enforcement and prosecution of laws and ordinances in regard to obedience to traffic-control devices (O.C.G.A. § 40-6-20) as provided for in O.C.G.A. §40-14-20 *et seq.*, enacted by the 2001 Georgia General Assembly and subject to the provisions for such enforcement in regard to obedience to traffic-control devices as provided in said Code sections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 40-14-21, a public hearing shall be scheduled to be held by the Atlanta City Council on the proposed use of traffic control signal monitoring devices before the City of Atlanta enters into any contract for use of such devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to entry of any contract between the Atlanta Police Department and any vendor of traffic-control monitoring devices, that the City Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare appropriate contracts for said services for execution by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to use of any traffic-control signal monitoring devices, the Department of Traffic and Transportation shall be authorized to erect signs on every highway that comprises part of the state highway system at that point on the highway that intersects with the city limits of the City of Atlanta, as provided in O.C.G.A. §40-14-23.



CITY OF ATLANTA

Shirley Franklin
Mayor

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Atlanta Police Department
Beverly J. Harvard
Chief of Police

May 10, 2002

Mayor Shirley Franklin
City of Atlanta
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Dear Mayor Franklin:

To improve the safety of drivers and pedestrians, I propose to implement a system of cameras at intersections to document vehicles that run red lights. This letter initiates the process required by Georgia Code 40-14-21, regarding "traffic-control signal monitoring devices." With recent changes to State law (40-6-20), the City can issue tickets to the owners of the vehicles, based on properly taken photographs and the vehicle registration. Based on the research I have seen from other cities, such a system can reduce the number of red light violations and therefore the number of traffic accidents and injuries in the City.

Georgia law sets strict standards for such systems. Discussions have already begun among the City Court Solicitor, Bureau of Traffic and Transportation, Police Department, Law Department, and Bureau of Purchasing as to the best approach for the City of Atlanta.

I would like to discuss the potential of a red light camera system with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beverly J. Harvard".

Beverly J. Harvard
Chief of Police



CITY OF ATLANTA

SHIRLEY FRANKLIN
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May 10, 2002

Beverly J. Harvard, Chief of Police
675 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Chief Harvard:

In response to your letter of May 10, I agree that the technology allowed for in State Law (Georgia Code 40-6-20) can help to reduce the number of traffic accidents at intersections. Please proceed to work with the City Court Solicitor, Bureau of Traffic and Transportation, Law Department, and Bureau of Purchasing on a system of cameras to document violations at red lights in the City. I will look forward to seeing a Request for Proposals in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shirley Franklin".

Shirley Franklin
Mayor